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MUSING ON MAGAZINES

BY LIZ APPEL RINCK, Γ/BUTLER, EDITOR

YOUR EDITOR HAS DONE A FAIR AMOUNT OF TRAVELING LATELY.

This means I get to enjoy one of my favorite pastimes: browsing the magazine racks at airport newsstands. Most airports don't have much to recommend them, in my opinion, but they do offer fuel for two of my favorite addictions: chocolate and magazines. Getting to enjoy either chocolate or a new magazine is lovely, but leafing through a newly purchased periodical while indulging in a piece of gourmet chocolate ... well, that brightens up even the grimmest, most crowded terminal.

While I like to think I have fairly sophisticated taste in chocolate (dark chocolate-covered truffles or sea-salt caramels, if you're keeping track), I'm regrettably lowbrow when it comes to periodicals. I'd like to be able to say that I gravitate to *Smithsonian* or *The Economist*, but that would be a lie. I'm far more likely to covet the latest issue of *Real Simple* or *Bon Appetit*. And while I seldom buy them, I am tickled by the sheer variety of niche publications. My current favorite is *Veranda*. If any of you, dear readers, are privy to statistics about how many North American homes actually have verandas, I'd be very interested in hearing from you. I could comprehend the relevance of *Brick Patio* or *Screened Porch* magazine, but *Veranda*? I'm at a loss.

Of course, I also enjoy alumni publications, whether from colleges and universities or fraternities and sororities. Since those magazines aren't available on newsstands, I'm fortunate that many of them arrive in my work in-box. And I'm not the only fan of alumni magazines. A recent survey by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) showed several age-related splits among readers, but there was general support across all age groups for retaining alumni magazines in printed form. Not surprisingly, younger readers were interested in blends of print and online publications.

Data from the CASE study also showed that a whopping 88 percent of their readers either agreed or strongly agreed that alumni magazines strengthen their "personal connection" to their institutions. Part of the reason for this devotion may be that alumnae publications are perceived to be credible; according to the survey, 64 percent of readers judged them to be either consistently accurate and objective or generally accurate and objective. In general, CASE concluded that quality alumni magazines result in a range of positive results for their publishers, including fund-raising, member/student recruitment, and volunteering.

For me, as editor of the Theta magazine, the goal is *connecting*. With this magazine, we aim to update, educate, and entertain readers about the Fraternity and its college and alumnae chapters and to serve as an enduring link between the international Fraternity and its members.

There are a number of features in this issue that we hope will reinforce your connections to one another and to Theta. Please turn to:

- Page 11. In the midst of World War I, an intensive nurses training program attracted 14 Thetas who went on to become leaders in health-related occupations.
- Page 16. Nearly 700 Thetas convened in Tucson for Grand Convention 2012. Each day's events focused on one of our Fraternity aspirations (relevance of the Theta experience, intellectual ambition, widest influence for good) and emphasized how each member's individual story melds with others to create The Story of Theta.
- Page 22. The books of novelist Laura Dave, Beta Eta/Pennsylvania, have been lauded by *The Washington Post*, *Booklist*, and *Publisher's Weekly*. Dave's college experience included being inspired by strong, accomplished Thetas.
- Page 28. At first glance, working for Theta as an educational leadership consultant (ELC) immediately after graduation might seem like a chance to put off "real" life. Or a "real" job. However, ELCs past and present have gained valuable experience that translates to success in a variety of professional fields.
- Page 31. Not another Top Ten list! Yes, and you'll want to read this one. It's good for you.

Speaking of connections, if you have a comment about this edition, or a past edition, or have an idea for a future issue, we'd love to hear from you. (Especially regarding the aforementioned veranda matter.) Contact information appears on the facing page. ♦

ON THE COVER: Venus Valbuena, Gamma Epsilon/Western Ontario, and Lisa Henderson, Beta Chi/Alberta, served as delegates to Grand Convention 2014. Photo and all images on page 16-21 by Digital Pix and Composites, LLC.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

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THETA KITES FLYING HIGH!

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FUTURE ESTABLISHMENT OF FIVE COLLEGE CHAPTERS!
DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FUTURE ISSUES OF *THE MAGAZINE* AND AT WWW.KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG.

				
BOSTON UNIVERSITY	WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY	SWARTHMORE	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	VIRGINIA TECH
Autumn 2012	Spring 2013 (re-establishment of Zeta Omicron Chapter)	Spring 2013 (re-establishment of Alpha Beta Chapter)	Autumn 2013 (RALEIGH, NC)	Spring 2014 (re-establishment of Epsilon Nu Chapter)

THINKING THETA

Do you know a young woman attending or planning to attend Wake Forest or Swarthmore who would be an asset to a new Theta chapter? If so please submit a letter of reference to Jenni Broughton, assistant director of chapter services, by email, jbroughton@kappaalphatheta.org; by mail 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268; or by fax, 317-876-1925.

ALPHA BETA/SWARTHMORE time line:

Bid Day: January 29,
Installation Celebration: March 24.

ZETA OMICRON/WAKE FOREST time line:

Bid Day: February 5,
Installation Celebration: April 14.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following national volunteers who were recognized for milestone anniversaries at Grand Convention 2012.

5 YEARS

Jill Meadows Andersen, ZΘ/Cal Poly
Elizabeth M. Brown, AX/Purdue
Jennifer Tschudy Carlstrom, ZM/MIT
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Karen E. Stefl, BΠ/Michigan State
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10 YEARS

Jane Shepherd Dick, EM/Princeton

15 YEARS

Mary Jane Parker Beach, BN/Florida State

30 YEARS

Elizabeth Ayscue Katz, ΔP/South Florida

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Megan Demshki, Eta Sigma/Chapman, has been selected to serve as a student representative to the board of directors of the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee (FSPAC). She will be serving with Cindy Heine Stelhorn, Beta/Indiana, who was installed as president of the FSPAC in April.

Kappa Alpha Theta continues to be recognized as a leader in supporting FSPAC lobbying efforts on legislation relating to higher education issues. The Fraternity has

raised the most money for FSPAC among the 26 National Panhellenic Conference groups.

I AM A THETA BECAUSE....

"I Am a Theta" is something we can all say with pride, whether we just received a Bid Day card or a 75-year member pin. The fondness we all have for Theta comes from our own experiences—the people we meet, the time we spend together, and the stories we tell. These stories are what connect us to one another and strengthen our treasured sisterhood. These stories identify you with your Theta membership.

We all have a Theta story to tell. Is it a tradition from your college days? Someone you met as an alumna? A Theta memento that you hold close? An experience you had at Founders Day or a chapter event? Take just a minute to remember one of yours, and tell us why you're proud to say "I Am a Theta." Log into the Theta website and choose the I am a Theta tab. Share your story with us. And learn more about our Fraternity by reading stories submitted by your Theta sisters.

THETAS ONLINE

For the first time, more than half of US adults over the age of 65 are online. A report by the Pew Internet & American Life Project found that 53 percent of seniors use the Internet. Of those Americans over age 18 who use the Internet, 82 percent say they go online every day, while some 70 percent of seniors say they go online every day.

PLANNING A REUNION?

Place a reunion notice in *The Magazine* and on the Theta website. Mail a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, and email webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org.

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23. ♦

WHAT'S NEW?

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in *The Magazine* area of the Theta website, or you may send items via email or snail mail to the editor. Addresses are listed on page 2. Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

THE MAGAZINE ONLINE

Receive email notification when *The Magazine* is posted online! Complete the online Update Magazine Preferences form.

REUNIONS

Learn about upcoming reunions at www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae/events/reunions.

ASHLEY CRAY, BM/NEVADA

My name is Ashley Cray, and I had a CASA. By the time I was six years old, I had grown accustomed to the foster care system. I had been diagnosed with fetal alcohol effect and failure to thrive. Both of these can be attributed to my upbringing as an infant and toddler. I had been exposed to alcohol, drugs, abuse, and neglect.

When I was three years old, my case was given to the state. This is when the state assigned me a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) to monitor my health and social behavior. My CASA volunteer showed the court that I was thriving in my new foster care home and being showered with love and support. My CASA volunteer gave me the opportunity to leave an abusive environment and enter a loving home.

After I was adopted into the Cray family, I inherited a mother, father, and slightly older brother. For as long as I can remember, family friends would say to my new brother, "I've known you since you were this big," and signal that they'd known him since birth. I was secretly jealous that no one ever looked at me and said the same. It was quite obvious that no one had known me since birth.

It wasn't until I attended an Adoption Run with my family that I realized what an impact CASA had on my life. I walked into registration with my mom and was overwhelmed by people I didn't know, but who knew me. We approached a table with a CASA staffer, and I heard, "Ashley, I've known you since you were this big." She'd known me since I was a baby! They had all known me since I was a baby. It was then that I truly understood that everything could be attributed to my CASA volunteer: my new name, my new home, my new family, and my new opportunities. I never realized that a volunteer could make such a big impact until I met several who had watched me enter the foster care system as a dirty, underweight, shy little girl and then recognized me 12 years later.

So I began my own volunteering journey. After high school, I jumped at the opportunity to join Kappa Alpha Theta, become the philanthropy chairman, and put my heart and soul into planning events for CASA. After college, I was asked to join the board of directors for the Washoe County CASA Program, in which I actively participated for three years.

All the opportunities I have been given are the direct result of my CASA volunteer. During the time she was in my life, she was my one constant when everything else remained uncertain. She was someone to remember my birthday and remember that I was only an innocent three-year-old child with a bright future if placed in the right hands. She was the one person who believed she could make a difference in my life. She is the reason I was able to join a sorority, obtain my master's degree at age 24, and become a successful young professional. My CASA volunteer gave me a name and—more importantly—she gave me hope.

I am Ashley Cray. I am a Theta.

I am for the child.

Theta's love is truly for a lifetime.

DR. NANCY LUSK ZIMPFER, AT/OHIO STATE

What an exciting moment in the history of Kappa Alpha Theta! Here we have a large room full of fraternity chapter CEOs, not only leading and supporting your Theta sisters, but serving as a role model for young women everywhere.

By the look of us, you would think women leaders are dominating the workforce. But the truth is, we still

have a long way to go. Less than 20 percent of our Congressional members are women. Just one of every five governors is a woman. Approximately 14 percent of executive leadership positions and 16 percent of board seats at Fortune 500 companies are occupied by women. And less than a quarter of university presidents nationwide are women. While we did see a jump in these figures at the turn of the century, our percentages have stagnated in recent years.

The bottom line? We need more women—women like Thetas—filling our nation's highest elected offices, running our public and private organizations; heading up our Fortune 500 companies and innovative small businesses; and overseeing our greatest, most impactful colleges and universities.

The path to leadership is often unpredictable. But I am a firm believer—and living proof—that if you were meant to lead and you want to lead, you will.

I was the first woman dean of the College of Education at The Ohio State University; first women executive dean at OSU; first woman chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; first woman president of the University of Cincinnati; and the first woman chancellor of SUNY—the largest public system of higher education in the country.

This summary of "firsts" seems to be the way I am often introduced to a group as a keynote speaker. I recall one such event where I was being shadowed by an accomplished male student at a university where I was serving as president. He posed a rather surprising question: "Don't you get tired of being introduced as 'the first woman anything'?" I had to really think about his question because he obviously heard something in that intro that I hadn't considered. I even surprised myself in my response and the fundamental truth it represents. Here's what I said: "When it doesn't need to be said anymore, it won't!"

You could be that first woman leader, too, and you could become a leader for the rest of your life. If so, you'll need what I call a theory of leadership. Over the years, I have managed to boil my own theory down to five major points.

(1) First, **vision** trumps everything, and it is absolutely crucial to articulate a vision that is derived at the hands of many. A successful leader works with all constituencies to identify what the future should hold for that institution and then (2) builds the **convening** table, where all parties commit to the vision and decide how it will be achieved. (3) Next, the group authenticates the vision into action and ensures **accountability** by making public promises and mapping their progress. In Step (4), we focus on the **pocketbook**, demonstrating a return on investment as our vision is carried out and showing that investing in the vision is more affordable than the alternatives. (5) Finally, we **tell our story**.

Rounding out my theory of leadership is this final point. As the head of the institution, a leader must be a persistent, consistent, and tireless advocate for the vision, willing to speak publicly and with stakeholder groups and potential investors at every opportunity in support of the vision.

You have begun to travel up the leadership ladder. Your sisterhood is giving you the vision and skills to carry leadership responsibilities beyond Kappa Alpha Theta. My hope is that you will embrace opportunities to lead and that you will carry with you a personal theory of leadership that will be your guide going forward. ♦

AT GRAND CONVENTION 2012,

two Thetas delivered inspiring addresses to attendees. Ashley Cray, Beta Mu/Nevada, spoke of the ways her experience as a CASA child have shaped her life. Dr. Nancy Lusk Zimpfer, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State, spoke of leadership and the responsibility incurred by being first.



Ashley Cray
BM/Nevada



Dr. Nancy Lusk Zimpfer
AT/Ohio State

Don't you get tired of being introduced as "the first woman anything"?

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Alicia Lee
Zeta Omicron/Wake Forest

"Giving is important to me because I have seen firsthand the impact Theta Foundation's scholarships, grants, and programs have had on my Theta sisters. If I am fortunate enough to affect

at least one person's life because of my donation, I know I have given back to a community that has given much to me." Visit www.KappaAlphaThetaFoundation.org/give to learn how you can give.

receive



Meredith Norfleet
Alpha Mu/Missouri

"To be recognized as a scholarship recipient by Theta Foundation for my academic pursuits is a great honor. The amazing network of support and love I have found

among my sisters has truly been a blessing." Find out how you can apply for a Theta Foundation scholarship or grant at www.KappaAlphaThetaFoundation.org/receive.

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Christa Sobon
Delta Zeta/Emory

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THE FUTURE OF THE MAGAZINE

Over the past several years, the distribution system for the Theta magazine has begun to change. The online version, which comprises all the features of the printed version, will always be available to every Theta. Beginning with the Summer 2011 issue, college members, Theta Life Loyal members (see page 8), and alumnae who pay dues through an alumnae chapter or circle or directly to the Fraternity receive all four printed issues of our magazine. A time line for the transition appears to the right.

Thanks to the Theta website, social media, and e-communications, Thetas are linked to one another and to the Fraternity in many ways. Printing and mailing our magazine is one of the largest expenses the Fraternity incurs each year, and collegiate fees have been funding it for many years. This new distribution plan will allow the Fraternity to use its financial resources more efficiently and to be a good steward of member dues.

To continue to receive all four printed issues of our magazine, you are encouraged to become involved in Theta by joining an alumnae group, paying Fraternity dues, or enrolling in Theta Life Loyal. For your convenience, a Life Loyal enrollment form is printed below. ♦



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1,915 REASONS TO BE THETA LIFE LOYAL

**CANDACE GALANTE, HE/QUINNIPIAC, SHARES HERS
LIFE LOYAL MEMBER SINCE: SUMMER 2012**

Recent alumna Candace Galante, EE/Quinnipiac, is pretty lucky. Not only is she the 1,870th Life Loyal member—any Theta would consider that lucky—but she is also fortunate to have a one-of-a-kind mentor and role model: her mother.

“My mother has always encouraged me to be the best person I could be,” Candace said. “When I learned about Theta’s ideals, I knew it would help shape me into someone like her.”

The two have a very close relationship, so when Candace headed to Quinnipiac University and joined Kappa Alpha Theta, her mother, Roseanne, was extremely supportive. “She has always been the mom who attended every event Eta Xi put on,” she said. “We have an annual kickball tournament in the spring called Kicks for CASA ... she is on the sidelines usually with her face painted with ‘Theta Mom.’”

Roseanne immediately realized the positive impact the Theta experience had on her daughter in terms of leadership, community service, academic excellence, and close friendships. She recognized that it was important for her, too, to be a part of her daughter’s Theta experience.

So when Candace graduated this year, Roseanne wanted to make sure that her Theta friendships and values stayed with her. That’s why she made the decision to purchase a Life Loyal membership for her daughter.

“She wanted to make sure that I didn’t lose that connection to the organization,” Candace said. “Her interest and support in my college journey in Theta is what influenced my Life Loyal membership, so I could continue it for life.”



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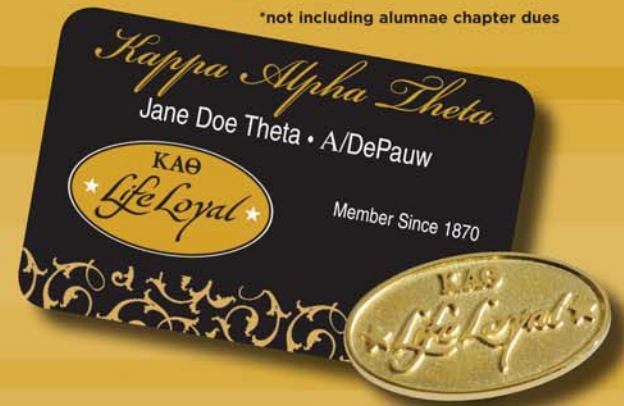
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WHAT DID YOU DO ON SUMMER VACATION?

BY NORALEEN DUVALL YOUNG, AX/PURDUE

Back in the summer of 1918, 20 recent Theta graduates representing 13 chapters spent the summer at the Vassar Training Camp for Nurses. This intensive training program was a response by the United States Red Cross, the Council for National Defense, and Vassar itself to fill the need for nurses due to World War I, as well as raise the level of nursing education by attracting college-educated women.

The camp, which began on June 24 and ended on September 14, provided an intensive but well-rounded program. Students attended labs and lectures six days a week, with their wake-up call at 5:50 am and lights out at 10:30 pm. Classes ranged from chemistry and pharmacology to history and public health. Dr. Margaret Floy Washburn, Iota/Cornell, who was head of Vassar's psychology department at the time, was one of the few female faculty members of the training camp. Students did make time to have some fun. They created basketball, baseball, swimming, and tennis teams, competing among themselves and with other young women in the area.

Upon admittance to the program, the students had to establish the equivalent of a two-year internship with a participating hospital to be completed after the training camp. Out of the 435 women who enrolled, 419 completed the camp and almost 200 became registered nurses. By the 1920s, all those who had received their RN were in leadership roles in hospitals, university-based nursing schools, or in public health-related organizations.

Fourteen of the 20 participating Thetas went on to earn their RN certification, and two of those women became physicians. The Theta magazine reported that the Thetas were the largest Greek group represented and even found time for a joint picnic supper on their July 4 half-holiday.

PARTICIPATING THETAS:

ELEANOR BLAKEY BLACKMAR, K/KANSAS, earned her RN at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York.

RUTH WHITED BUDGE, AII/NORTH DAKOTA, did not continue her training when World War I ended.

MARGARET CARRINGTON, AM/MISSOURI, earned her RN through Rochester General Hospital and then focused on public health and nursing education. She served as superintendent of nurses at Columbia University and became an instructor at Yale University's School of Nursing. She wrote for the Theta magazine about nursing as an occupation for college-educated women.

VIRGINIA TOLBERT FOWLER, AO/OKLAHOMA, earned her RN from Brooklyn Hospital and then received one of ten fellowships to study medical social work at Columbia University. She organized the medical social work department at the University of Oklahoma Hospital.

EVELYN MILES KRASE, Δ/ILLINOIS, began her training but was unable to finish due to a death in her family.

MARY MILLMAN, Σ/TORONTO, earned her RN through Bellevue Hospital, New York. She returned to Toronto, became assistant professor the University of Toronto's School of Nursing, and was very active

in Canadian nursing and public health professional associations.

KATHERINE RAWLES NANGLE, B/INDIANA, received her RN from Barnes Memorial Hospital in St. Louis and later served at Ginling College in Nanking, China, as head of physical education. She became active with the League of Women Voters and the conservation movement.

LYNNE WOOTE PLATTER, AΘ/TEXAS, did not complete her training, but later earned her MA in English from the University of Texas and became a teacher in Dallas.

ELIZABETH MILLER RITSCHARD, AB/SWARTHMORE, received her RN from Boston's Children's Hospital. She was in charge of the children's wards of Philadelphia's Presbyterian Hospital and later served as a district president of a New Jersey nurses association.

FRANCES ROTHERT, B/INDIANA, received her RN and then went on to earn her MD. She served as head of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of Arkansas until her retirement in 1962, when she planned to work with Catholic Relief Services in Guatemala for one year. She remained until 1979. She received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal from Pope John Paul II for her work with the charity.

ETHEL ROTTMAN, A/DEPAUW, continued her training at Cincinnati General Hospital and then became a teacher in Idaho.

AGNES SMITH, M/ALLEGHENY, received her RN from Bellevue Hospital, New York. She served for five years in Rio de Janeiro for the Rockefeller Foundation on public health issues.

ALMA SPEER, AΘ/TEXAS, received her RN from Johns Hopkins and her MD from George Washington. She established her private practice in Washington, DC; during World War II, she assisted in securing commissions for female doctors in the military.

CHARLOTTE WHEELER STEPHENS, A/DEPAUW, contracted the flu during the 1918 epidemic and was unable to complete her training.

DOROTHY WILKINSON, Ω/UC BERKELEY, received her RN from Bellevue Hospital. She served as the visiting nurse for a baby hospital in Oakland, Calif., and then worked with the agricultural extension service of the University of California.

ELLEN DUFFY WISE, AH/VANDERBILT, did not finish her training but volunteered for the YMCA for the rest of World War I.

DOROTHY WORRELL, AM/MISSOURI, did not immediately complete her training but later earned her RN from the University of California. She later became assistant director of the nursing school at Washington University-St. Louis.

NYDIA ACKER YOUNG, BΔ/ARIZONA, completed her training in dietetics at Bellevue Hospital. She became an agricultural extension worker in Arizona, responsible for all the northern counties in the state.

CORNELIA OGLE ZAHN, B/INDIANA, was not able to continue nursing training as she was caught up in the 1918 flu epidemic. She eventually became a high school mathematics teacher in Indiana.

ESTHER PHILIPS ZEREGA, AB/SWARTHMORE, earned her RN from the Boston Children's Hospital. She later was in charge of the semi-private floor at Muhlenberg Hospital in New Jersey.

About the author: Noraleen DuVall Young, AX/Purdue, is a Life Loyal member and has served Theta as staff archivist for 15 years. ♦



Martha Carrington, AM/Missouri, in 1939



Dorothy Worrell, AM/Missouri, in 1918



AX/Purdue



BT/Denison



ZΘ/Cal Polytechnic State



HΘ/Central Florida

HOUSING BY THE NUMBERS

BY LAUREN McCARTY PALMER

Many Thetas cite living in a chapter facility, sharing their college years with their sisters under a common roof, as an integral part of forming friendships and building memories. It can be an experience that cements the bond of Theta for a lifetime.

Theta's housing program spans 108 facilities across the US and Canada. In 2007, the increase in the number of housed chapters led Grand Council to establish the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC), a separate corporation to hold title to or rent Theta properties and provide professional property management services. Below is a snapshot of FHC's progress in the last five years, as well as some impressive facts about Theta's housing program.

- 31** The number of chapters currently participating in FHC
- \$8.2** million: book value of FHC's assets
- 97,488** Number of miles traveled by FHC staff from Aug. 2011 - Aug 2012
- \$180** million: Total insured value of all Theta facilities.
- 417** The number of housing-related alumnae volunteers
- 1,484** Square footage of Theta's smallest facility, ZΘ/Cal. Polytechnic
- 31,220** Square footage of Theta's largest facility (AX/Purdue)
- 43** Average Theta facility live-in capacity
- 1808** Year the oldest Theta facility was built (BT/Denison)
- 2008** Year the newest Theta facility was built (HΘ/Central Florida)



FHC PARTICIPANT REMODELING EXPENSES TO DATE

(A combination of chapter funds and alumnae donations)

Λ/VERMONT	\$445,672
Π/ALBION	\$2,283
T/NORTHWESTERN	\$19,998
BN/FLORIDA STATE	\$2,316,094
ΓZ/CONNECTICUT	\$11,149
ΓM/MARYLAND	\$2,099,474
ΓΨ/TCU	\$44,682
ΓΩ/AUBURN	\$91,147
ZT/DELAWARE	\$2,549
HP/CASE WESTERN	\$23,392
HP/JAMES MADISON	\$57,460

About the author: Lauren, a graduate of Indiana University, serves as property manager for the FHC.

MAKING A HOUSE A HOME

Pam Berdit, facility director at Beta Nu/Florida State, counts herself lucky; by her own admission, she has the best job in the world.

"College is such an amazing time in a woman's life: She's beginning to know who she really is, and she's ready to explore her own life and become independent," said Berdit. "I see my role as helping these dynamic, exceptional young women reach their potential. As a facility director, you are not part of every single thing they do, but you get to be part of their lives in the very best ways."



According to the women of Beta Nu, Berdit goes above and beyond in her role. She volunteers her time serving on the Florida State University Greek Task Force in an effort to improve the entire Greek community. She bakes fresh cookies and treats almost daily and is always available for comfort and advice. Beyond ensuring members have a safe facility in which to learn and thrive, Berdit makes the facility a true home.

The Theta community recognized Berdit's contributions at Grand Convention 2012 by honoring her with the Clementine Allen Facility Director Award. Fraternity Housing Corporation President Suzanne Graf McLemore, Delta Pi/Tennessee, called Berdit "... a woman who has earned the love and respect of the Thetas in her chapter, as well as the campus community" and an "outstanding role model."

Berdit started her career as a facility director more than a decade ago. She previously served the Moscow, Idaho, community as a pastor.

"The relationships I've formed with these young women over the years are truly lasting friendships," said Berdit. "They have taught me to accept and enjoy people for who they are without setting up expectations, and I think I'm able to be there for them and make their busy lives a little simpler."

Want more? housing.kappaalphatheta.org/



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CHAPTERS

A The Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter held the chapter's annual kickoff event at El Cholo in Santa Monica, Calif.

B Thanks to donations from members of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, CASA of Baltimore was able to provide school supplies to every child who needed them.

C The Seattle Alumnae Chapter met for lunch at the Maribella Continuing Care Retirement

Community.

D Catie Strahorn-Brown and Tina Villarete Tran, both ZN/UC Davis; Jane Findley Brown, BE/Oregon State; Petrel Chapman Farkas, AZ/Emory; Suzanne Cottingham Bergeron, AZ/Washington State; Jenn Phinney Pienovi, ZΩ/Loyola Marymount; (back) Heidi Wagner MacLaren, BE/Oregon State; Peggy Benson Keonjian, BΓ/Colorado State; Jamey Winchester, HA/~; Mary Settergren Sherwood, BE/Oregon State;

Kari Fredheim-Goglin, AΞ/Oregon; Tracie Pahl Nissen, ZΩ/Loyola Marymount; Marion Hinshaw, ΓΞ/San Jose State; Jill Smart, Π/Albion; Mary Frances Gregersen Acott, AΞ/Oregon; Betty Silva Bauer, BE/Oregon State; and Suzanne Gill King, ΔI/Puget Sound, picnicked with the Portland Alumnae Chapter.

E The Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter honored (front) Sally Ransom Myers, AX/Purdue; Jenny Hair Trainer, Γ/Butler; Nina Vaughn Budd, N/Hanover; (back) Jane Platte Miller,



Seniors from **Gamma deuterion Chapter** celebrated their graduation from Ohio Wesleyan.



THETA FUN

B/Indiana; Linda Smeltzer Fledderjohn, B/Indiana; and Cindy Almquist Pencak, ΓA/Beloit, among others, at a luncheon celebrating 50- and 75-year Thetas.

F Briana Wallace, Whitney Ladzick, Colleen Grogan, and Diane Lee, alumnae of Gamma Theta Chapter at Carnegie Mellon, hiked to Snow Lake, just outside of Seattle.

G Alumnae from Alpha Sigma Chapter at

Washington State met for their annual reunion in Seattle.

H Janice Gale Silva, Nancy Boscacci McAuliffe, and Joan Hinkle Schaub, all Alpha Xi/Oregon, celebrated their 60th birthdays with one another in Portland, Ore.

I Chapter CEO Hannah Snyder, BI/Colorado; Fraternity President Amy Hayner Kates, AΦ/Tulane; and CMO Ashley Trenkle, BI/Colorado, celebrated Convention Golden Kite, Excellence in Risk Management, and Soaring

Kite award winner Beta Iota Chapter at Colorado with a visit to the chapter facility.

Not pictured

Gamma Rho Chapter Advisor Lila Kooklan, EΣ/UC Irvine, received the advisor appreciation award, and chapter members Kelley Douglas and Lia Manfredi were recognized by the dean of students for leading, promoting and cultivating the fraternal movement on campus at UC Santa Barbara's Greek awards.

THETA AUTHORS

Physician **JANET REED GILSDORF, ΓN/NORTH DAKOTA STATE,** has written *Ten Days*, a novel that "follows a family torn apart by guilt when a mother's instinct fails her and her husband—a surgeon—misdiagnoses their son."



MEGHAN FERAN, ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN, has co-authored *To the Moon and Back: A Daughter/Mother Journey Toward Eating Disorder Recovery*, which documents a 45-day inpatient treatment journey and includes journal entries from the perspective of the patient and her mother.



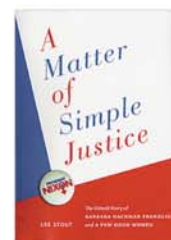
Meghan Feran
ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan

ANNE BICE MATHESON, ΓE/WESTERN ONTARIO, has released *Wake Me Up Inside*, the first novel in a series for young adults about a teenage heroine who experiences paranormal activity.



Ann Bice Matheson
ΓE/Western Ontario

Lee Stout has released *A Matter of Simple Justice: The Untold Story of Barbara Hackman Franklin and a Few Good Women*, a book that chronicles how White House recruiter **BARBARA HACKMAN FRANKLIN, BΦ/PENN STATE,** forever changed the face of the American workforce. Her efforts more than tripled the number of women in top-level policy-making positions in the federal government.



Leah Eaton Logan, EI/Westminster, and Megan Reid, AM/Missouri, met at a Kansas City Royals game. Reid's mother noticed Logan's Theta necklace and made the introduction.



THETAS OF NOTE



DENISON UNIVERSITY honored **MARGARET MCKENZIE MILBOURN, BT/DENISON**, with an Alumni Citation for her service to nation, community, and/or the college.



SUSAN STETTNER SHAFER, Γ^Δ/OHIO WESLEYAN, was nominated for the 2012 Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School Distinguished Alumni Award. She was the first woman to be named senior pastor at Asbury First United Methodist Church in Rochester, NY.



PAULA TIPTON TAKACS, ZO/WAKE FOREST, raised \$100,000 for sarcoma research through her Sarcoma Stomp fund-raiser.



DR. NANCY CUSTER CHESCHEIR, ΔΕ/NORTH CAROLINA, has been named editor-in-chief of *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.



SHANNON CARNEY, I/CORNELL, has co-founded Wind River Cancer Wellness Retreats & Programs, providing cancer survivors a safe, tranquil setting to slow down, connect with other survivors, and learn new tools to help them reduce stress and live healthy.



JENNIFER ABERNATHY WILDER, ΖΨ/SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, was crowned America's Mrs. US 2012.



SHELBY RINGDAHL, ΓΨ/TCU, finished as second runner-up, preliminary talent winner, and rookie talent winner at the Miss Missouri Pageant. Her platform was about CASA and helping abused and neglected children.



SmartCEO magazine has honored **LOUISE PHIPPS SENFT, ΔΧ/VIRGINIA**, with a Brava! Award, which recognizes women who combine entrepreneurial skills with a passion for giving back to their community.



Ohio Wesleyan University promoted **ALISHA COUCH, Γ/BUTLER**, to director of admission.



At UCLA's Panhellenic awards, **GRACE MYERS, BE/UCLA**, received president of the year.



The North-American Interfraternity Conference Foundation honored Theta Foundation Trustee **DINAH HAMPTON MCCLYMONDS, ΑΟ/OKLAHOMA**, with its volunteer of the year award.



The Ovarian Cancer National Alliance awarded **PAMELA BIGGS FAERBER, ΑΜ/MISSOURI**, with the Patricia A. Goldman Award for her founding role and years of advocacy with the alliance at its annual conference.



CLAUDINE BOOK, BE/UCLA, is representing the United States at the Miss World Pageant.



Denison University honored **MARTHA NEFF KESSLER, BT/DENISON**, with an Alumni Citation for her service to nation, community, and/or the college.



The **DENVER AREA PANHELLENIC** honored **KATHLEEN MARKEY, Χ/SYRACUSE**, as its 2012 woman of the year.



Washington & Jefferson College has named **AMANDA BOEHM, PHD, ΕΩ/WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON**, its 2012 Outstanding Young Alumni. Boehm is senior editor at the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*.



Monroe County CASA volunteer **HARRIET STAFFORD CURRY, B/INDIANA**, was awarded the 2012 Indiana Monroe County CASA Distinguished Advocate and nominated for the G.F. Bettineski Child Advocate of the Year.



MEREDITH MINER, ΔΩ/TEXAS A&M, has co-founded Jewelry Nut Auctions, a Facebook-based retailer that provides fixed-price designer and designer-inspired jewelry presented in an auction-style format. For additional information, visit www.jewelrnutauctions.com.



At **KAREN KEY ROTT, ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH**, has been inducted into the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society Hall of Fame.



CATHIE WATERS CARDELUCCI, BE/UCLA, received advisor of the year at the Greek awards for both UCLA and Chapman. ♦

EACH AUTUMN, ALUMNI RETURN TO COLLEGE CAMPUSES ACROSS THE US AND CANADA FOR HOMECOMING WEEKEND. UNIVERSITIES ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET TO WELCOME FORMER STUDENTS TO THE PLACE THEY ONCE CALLED HOME. KAPPA ALPHA THETA WAS PART OF YOUR UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE, TOO. HAVE YOU RETURNED HOME RECENTLY? THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO DO SO.

Come Home to Theta

Join Kappa Alpha Theta
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a college chapter

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with us**
via Facebook, Twitter,
and our blogs



Share your
**Theta
story**

Plan or participate in a
reunion

Attend an
**alumnae
chapter
event**

Attend a
Founders Day celebration

This autumn, come home to Theta!

(For more information on the above programs, visit www.kappaalphatheta.org.)



GRAND CONVENTION 2012: SHARING THE STORY OF THETA

"Welcome to opening day of Convention!" wrote Jennifer Hinfey, Delta Epsilon/Arizona State, in her Convention blog. "Registration began at 1:00 pm, and I couldn't help but get caught up in the energy created by collegians and alumnae arriving from all over the country (and even from out of the country with arrivals of our Canadian sisters). I would be remiss if I didn't mention the array of fabulous sundresses and shoes. We are here for business, but Thetas are sharp dressers, too, and I must say I saw a lot of sartorial splendor!"

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 RELEVANCE OF THETA

CONNECTIONS BREAKFAST • NIKÊ
OPENING SESSION

CHAPTER RECOGNITION BANQUETS
COLLEGE & ALUMNAE CONCURRENT SESSIONS

"This morning I was reminded that the 2012 Grand Convention theme is 'The Story of Theta,'" Casey Martinez, Epsilon Upsilon/Columbia, wrote in her Convention blog. "In her opening address, Fraternity President Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, reflected on how each of us has her own unique story on why we joined Theta. The Fraternity staff archivist, Noraleen Duvall Young, Alpha Chi/Purdue, is collecting stories from Thetas of all different ages during Grand Convention. This day made me think of my Theta story; I hope you take a few minutes to think about yours."

Hinfey wrote: "Good day! Busy day! Today started off with the College/Alumnae Connections Breakfast.

Wow, what a spectacular group of collegians who were interested in careers in advertising. I shared with them my advice for getting in the door, gaining experience, getting internships ... and if no opportunities seem readily available, how to create them.

"The morning continued with Nikê, following by our opening business session. This ended with a moving speech by the Fraternity president. Tissue-dabbing of the eyes was involved. Thank you, Amy, for your heartfelt and candid message and insight."

At the Alumnae Chapter Recognition Luncheon, 126 alumnae chapters were honored for their accomplishments over the past biennium. (A complete list of winners appears on pages 20 and 21.) In announcing the winner of the highest honor—the alumnae Founders Award—Fraternity President Amy Kates said of the Denver Alumnae Chapter, "This year's Founders Award winning chapter was chartered in 1908 and is in one of the major metropolitan areas in the country. They have consistently been recognized for excellence, and have actually won the Founders Award previously. It is not only the chapter that has been recognized for excellence and leadership, but its members as well. For example, in 2011 and 2012, members of this chapter were recognized as the Panhellenic Woman of the Year."

Thursday afternoon's general session featured keynote speaker Julie Bryan Moran, Gamma Delta/Georgia. She was the first woman to host ABC's *Wide World of Sports* in that show's 35-year history. Her most recent projects include *Balancing Act* (Lifetime's morning show) and *Access Hollywood*. The theme of her

CONVENTION BLOGGERS



Jennifer Hinfey
ΔE/Arizona State



Casey Martinez
EY/Columbia



speech was “You can have it all—just not at the same time,” and she spoke on dreams, accomplishments, hard work, sisterhood, and priorities.

At the College Chapter Recognition Dinner, Fraternity President Amy Kates announced the winner of the college Founders Award (the most prestigious college chapter award): the Gamma Phi Chapter at Texas Tech. She said, “This winning chapter continues to excel on their college campus, within their Panhellenic community, as well as in the Fraternity. They not only achieved success, but truly exceeded what it means to be a highly functioning Theta chapter.” In total, 39 awards were presented by the Fraternity to outstanding college chapters. (A complete list of winners appears on page 20.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 29 INTELLECTUAL AMBITION

BUSINESS SESSIONS • SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON
CHAPTER ADVISOR RECEPTION • FUN NIGHT

On Friday, Martinez wrote about the Scholarship Luncheon. “Dr. Nancy Zimpher, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State, spoke about women’s empowerment. In case you didn’t know, she holds a lengthy pedigree of accomplishments, not the least of which is her chancellorship at the State University of New York, which serves half a million students. Dr. Zimpher is the first woman to ever hold this position. Her message to us emphasized the need of more women in leadership roles. She also reminded us that humility is the greatest attribute of leadership and that “... you can’t just talk about what you want to do, you’ve got to do it.” In other words, we’ve got to shoot for the Twin Stars. It’s great to be at Grand Convention, where we not only celebrate our sisterhood but also our womanhood.”

In addition to the customary festive meal and music, Fun Night featured a live performance! Dhaya

Lakshminarayanan, Zeta Mu/MIT, is a self-described “proud nerd.” In accordance with stereotype, she is an alumna of the Zeta Mu Chapter at MIT; in defiance of that stereotype, she is a stand-up comedian who enjoys finding the absurdity in life. She has hosted the Emmy-winning *High School Quiz Show* on WGBH in Boston, appeared on NPR’s *Snap Judgment*, and conducted workshops at numerous colleges and universities. Afterward, Lakshminarayanan said, “I was so impressed with my first Convention: the quality of the speakers, the commitment to make everything run smoothly, the food, and the love of the women. I am honored and still floating from my experience.”

SATURDAY, JUNE 30 WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD

CASA WALK • CASA BREAKFAST
BUSINESS SESSIONS • FOUNDATION LUNCHEON
COLLEGE & ALUMNAE CONCURRENT SESSIONS
CONVENTION BANQUET

“I’ve already cried three times today and it’s only 4:00 pm. To tell you the truth, I was not alone,” Martinez wrote on Saturday.

“The first tears came while watching a CASA video at breakfast. Michael Piraino, the CEO of CASA, showed us a moving video of their new initiative to raise awareness, volunteerism, and support of CASA.

“The next set of waterworks came when fellow collegian Ashley Cray, Beta Mu/Nevada, spoke about her personal experiences with CASA. I feel so blessed to have heard her story. It took a lot of courage, and I know every Theta walked away with more than just teary eyes. We walked away with a new appreciation of the importance of the CASA mission.”

Nearly 500 Thetas and CASA volunteers donned cheerful lime-green T-shirts for a sunrise walk on the

Dinner featured another three-course meal, with a delicious chocolate dessert. This was the second dessert of the day (yes, a dessert course was served at lunch as well), but who’s counting?”

Want more?

About CASA:
<http://iamforthechild.org/>

About Dhaya
Lakshminarayanan:
www.dhayacomedy.com.

About Robin McGraw:
www.robinmcgraw.com.

About Nancy Zimpher:
www.suny.edu.



beautiful grounds of the JW Marriott Starr Pass. More than \$5,600 was raised for National CASA and Pima County CASA.

Prior to Convention, Robin Jameson McGraw, Omicron/USC, sent warm wishes to her sisters at Convention and wrote about Theta's commitment to CASA. "In an interview with the Theta magazine, I once said, 'There are no children more disadvantaged than those who get caught up in the foster care system.' I still believe this, with one exception: The kids in the foster care system who have a CASA volunteer have a huge advantage! Those children have a caring adult matched with them one-on-one; an adult who is trained to give that child a voice and who will lift up that child's best interests in court.

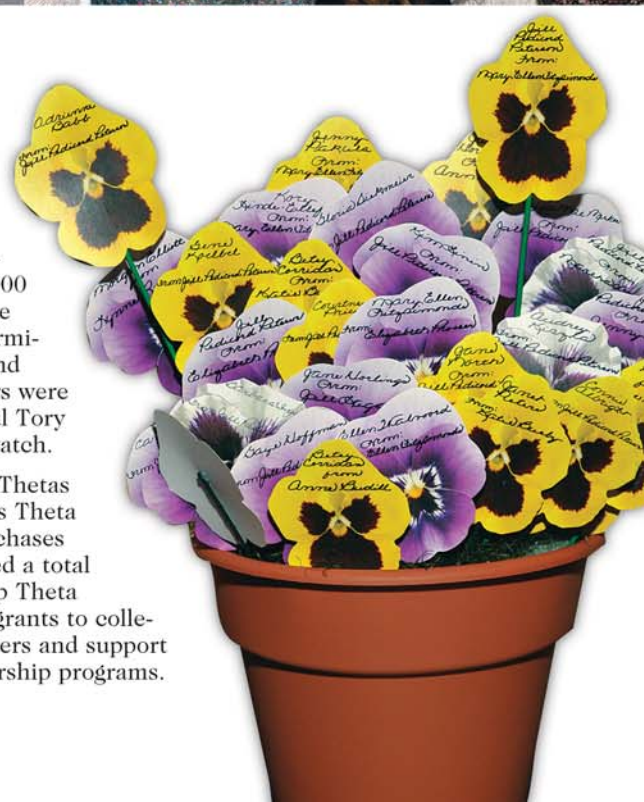
"CASA volunteers are just as passionate as my Theta sisters about the work that they do. The stories I hear from young people who have 'aged out of the system' start with such tragedy, but they end in victories for each child who was listened to and who made his or her way to the safety of a forever family.

"That is why I am so grateful to each and every Theta. Whether my Theta sisters are still in college or uni-

versity, or whether they are alumnae who, like me, haven't been students for more than a few years, the energy these women pour into their support of CASA makes my heart soar."

The Friendship Fund was another beneficiary of Convention attendees' widest influence for good. A raffle benefiting the Fund raised more than \$5,700 to help Thetas who experience extreme financial hardship due to serious or terminal illness, job loss, natural disaster, and other devastating occurrences. Winners were drawn to receive two prizes: a beautiful Tory Burch handbag and an elegant Talos watch.

Thanks to the tremendous support of Thetas everywhere, the 2012 Pansy Patch was Theta Foundation's most successful yet. Purchases of pansies honoring Theta sisters raised a total of \$150,219! These donations will help Theta Foundation provide scholarships and grants to collegian and alumnae members and chapters and support the Fraternity's educational and leadership programs.



2012-14 GRAND COUNCIL

Electing Grand Council is an important responsibility of the delegates to each Convention. Grand Council is the governing body of the Fraternity in the interim between Conventions and exercises general supervision over its business and affairs.

AMY HAYNER KATES, AΦ/TULANE, begins her second term as Fraternity president. She previously served three terms as Fraternity vice-president and seven years as Theta's third alternate NPC delegate; she is also a former college district president, educational leadership consultant, advisory board chairman, and facility corporation board officer. Kates and her husband are owners of Rope Access Technology USA, where she also works. Other interests include the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter and the Junior League.

ASHLEY ATKINS, BP/DUKE, begins her first term as a Fraternity vice-president. She has held numerous Theta positions, including education specialist, director of risk management, college district president, and educational leadership consultant. Most recently, she has served as the chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee. Atkins holds a master's degree and a doctorate in art history and works at Johnson & Johnson as a program specialist in corporate contributions.

LAURA WARE DOERRE, ΔΞ/NORTH CAROLINA, begins her second term as a Fraternity vice-president. Doerre has served as a Theta Foundation trustee, coordinator of the directors of risk management, a director of risk management, and a member of the Nominating Committee task force, as well as held numerous offices in the Houston Northwest Alumnae Chapter. An attorney, Doerre is general counsel and vice-president of Nabors Industries, Inc., and she also serves on the board of the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts.

PAIGE BENDEL ELLERMAN, ΓI/KENTUCKY, begins her second term as a Fraternity vice-president. A former college district president, education district director, administrative district director, and educational leadership consultant, she has also served as an advisory board chairman and special assistance mentor. Ellerman is a business restructuring lawyer and a partner at Frost, Brown, Todd LLC. A member of the Cincinnati Alumnae Chapter, she is a founding member and president of the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation.

JULIE RUFFOLO GILPIN, A/DEPAUW, begins her fourth term as a Fraternity vice-president, having previously served Theta as college district president, educational leadership consultant, and a member of the alumnae initiate task force. Community interests include the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter, the Junior League, the Whitefish Bay Historical Preservation Committee and the Whitefish Bay Police Commission. With more than 15 years of human resources management experience, Gilpin currently works as a consultant for Makena Consulting, LLC.

KIMBERLY MORRIS MARTIN, AO/OKLAHOMA, was a member of Grand Council from 2008 to 2010; she also served for nine years as a membership district director and most recently as a member of the Service and Philanthropy Committee. Martin, who is an international flight attendant for Delta Airlines, is involved in her community through the Mid-Cities



Amy Hayner Kates
AΦ/Tulane



Ashley Atkins
BP/Duke



Laura Ware Doerre
ΔΞ/North Carolina



Paige Bendel Ellerman
ΓI/Kentucky



Julie Ruffolo Gilpin
A/DePauw



Kimberly Morris Martin
AO/Oklahoma

Alumnae Chapter, CASA, Junior League, Grapevine High School, and Airborne Angel Cadets.

MANDY BURGETT WUSHINSKE, ΞΣ/OHIO NORTHERN, begins her second term as a Fraternity vice-president. She holds a master's degree in education and an educational administrative license and has taught elementary and middle school and served as principal at a K-8 school. Wushinske's Theta offices include college district president, membership district director, and advisory board chairman. In her community, she is member of the Development Board of Nationwide Children's Hospital and a volunteer at her church and her children's school.

SUZANNE GRAF MCLEMORE, ΔΠ/TENNESSEE, begins her third year as president of the Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC). She previously served the Fraternity for two terms as a vice-president and as a facility management district director. McLemore's professional background is in banking, and her volunteer commitments include Junior League, PEO Sisterhood, Fannie Battle Day Home, and the Nashville Alumnae Chapter.

KATHLEEN BENNETT TONKEL, H/MICHIGAN, begins her second term as president of Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. She previously served Theta Foundation as a trustee and vice-president, and her Fraternity offices include four terms as vice-president, director of alumnae programming, alumnae district president, and the NPC extension task force. A member of the Vero Beach Alumnae Chapter, Tonkel is also involved in the Grand Harbor Outreach Committee and the Junior League.



Mandy Burgett Wushinske
ΞΣ/Ohio Northern



Suzanne Graf McLemore
ΔΠ/Tennessee



Kathleen Bennett Tonkel
H/Michigan

COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE CHAPTERS HONORED

COLLEGE AWARDS

BRONZE KITE

A/DePauw	BA/William & Mary	EM/Princeton
K/Kansas	BN/Florida State	EO/Randolph-Macon
M/Allegheny	BO/Iowa	EP/Bucknell
N/Hanover	BP/Duke	EY/Columbia
T/Northwestern	BΨ/McGill	ZN/UC Davis
Ψ/Wisconsin	ΓZ/Connecticut	ZΦ/Pepperdine
Ω/UC Berkeley	ΓN/N. Dakota St.	HK/John Carroll
ΔΓ/Ohio State	ΔZ/Emory	HN/Lake Forest
AA/Washington	ΔK/LSU	HΣ/Chapman
AN/Montana	ΔY/E. Kentucky	
AΨ/Lawrence	ΔΦ/Clemson	
BE/Oregon St.	ΔX/Virginia	

SILVER KITE

Γ/Butler	BY/British Columbia	EE/Baylor
I/Cornell	BX/Alberta	EA/Dickinson
ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan	Π/Kentucky	EP/Lehigh
O/USC	ΓM/Maryland	EΦ/Chicago
Π/Albion	ΠI/Iowa State	ZH/Wofford
Y/Minnesota	ΓY/Miami	ZI/Washington & Lee
Φ/Pacific	ΓΨ/TCU	ZΘ/Cal Poly-technic State
X/Syracuse	ΔΘ/Florida	HH/Idaho
AP/S. Dakota	ΔI/Puget Sound	HΘ/Central Florida
BΠ/Michigan State	ΔO/Alabama	
BT/Denison	ΔΩ/Texas A&M	

GOLDEN KITE

P/Nebraska	BI/Colorado	ZM/MIT
AH/Vanderbilt	BK/Drake	ZΞ/-
AM/Missouri	ΓT/Tulsa	ZΣ/Ohio Northern
AO/Oklahoma	ΓΦ/Texas Tech	ZY/UT-Dallas
AΣ/Washington St.	ΓX/Fresno State	HI/San Diego
AX/Purdue	ΔE/Arizona St.	HΞ/Quinnipiac
AΦ/Tulane	ΔH/Kansas State	
BZ/Oklahoma St.	EI/Westminster	

EXCELLENCE IN ADMINISTRATION

AH/Vanderbilt
Runner-up: ZΞ/-

EXCELLENCE IN ADVISORY BOARD

AM/Missouri
Runner-Up: ZY/UT Dallas

EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE (\$0-\$75,000)

ΓΘ/Carnegie-Mellon
Runner-up: ΔI/Puget Sound

EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE (\$75,001-\$200,000)

ZM/MIT
Runner-up: EO/Randolph-Macon

EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE (\$200,001-\$300,000)

AΦ/Tulane

EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE (\$300,001-\$500,000)

Y/Minnesota
Runner-up: ΠI/Kentucky

EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE (\$501,000 AND ABOVE)

ΔH/Kansas State
Runner-up: B/Indiana

EXCELLENCE IN FACILITY MANAGEMENT (NON-RESIDENTIAL)

ΓΦ/Texas Tech
Runner-up: AΦ/Tulane

EXCELLENCE IN FACILITY MANAGEMENT (RESIDENTIAL)

AO/Oklahoma
Runner-up: BΞ/UCLA

EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER EDUCATION

ΓZ/Connecticut
Runner-up: ΓΦ/Texas Tech

EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

HΞ/Quinnipiac
Runner-up: ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC RELATIONS

AM/Missouri
Runner-up: AO/Oklahoma

EXCELLENCE IN RISK MANAGEMENT

BI/Colorado
Runner-up: AM/Missouri

EXCELLENCE IN PANHELLENIC

HI/San Diego
Runner-up: AΦ/Tulane

EXCELLENCE IN RECRUITMENT

ΔΩ/Texas A&M
Runner-up: AO/Oklahoma

EXCELLENCE IN RITUAL APPRECIATION

HΞ/Quinnipiac
Runner-up: BK/Drake

CLEMENTINE ALLEN FACILITY DIRECTOR AWARD

BN/Florida State
Runner-up: ΔK/Louisiana State

LISSA L. BRADFORD AWARD FOR PANHELLENIC EXCELLENCE

University of Kentucky Panhellenic

SOARING KITE AWARD

BI/Colorado
Runner up: EP/Lehigh

HIGHEST SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

ΔE/Arizona State
Runner-Up (tie): AΣ/Washington State and BO/Iowa

#1 IN SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE BIENNIIUM

B/Indiana	E/Arizona State	HP/James Madison
AO/Oklahoma	EI/Westminster	
AΣ/Washington St.		

FOUNDERS AWARD NOMINEES

P/Nebraska	AO/Oklahoma	ΓΦ/Texas Tech
AM/Missouri	BZ/Oklahoma St.	ZY/UT Dallas

FOUNDERS AWARD WINNER

ΓΦ/Texas Tech

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ALUMNAE AWARDS

PANSY

Charlotte	Indianapolis	Rio Grande
Cleveland	Lafayette	Valley
Cleveland West	Louisville	San Angelo
Shore	Madison	San Jose/
Colorado Springs	Midland	South Bay
Columbia Area (SC)	Milwaukee	South Hampton
Dayton	Monterey Co.	Roads
Fairfield County	New Jersey	The Woodlands
Foothill	North Central	Area
Fort Bend	New Orleans	Tyler
Fort Wayne	NE Pennsylvania	Vancouver (BC)
Fox Cities	Pensacola	Western North
Gulf Coast	Plano	Dakota
Hutchinson		Williamsburg

BLACK & GOLD

Amarillo	Houston	Portland
Austin	Inland California	Richmond (Ky.)
Baltimore	Iowa City/Cedar	Rochester
Birmingham, Ala.	Rapids	Rockford
Bloomington	Jacksonville	San Francisco
Boise	Kay County	Sioux Falls
Bryan/College	Key West	South Central
Station	Lafayette/Acadiana	Pennsylvania
Central Florida	Lubbock Area	State College
Charleston/	Minneapolis	Tucson
Lowcountry SC	Nature Coast	Waco
Clearwater	NC Triangle	Westchester, NY
Concord	Norman	Western North
Corpus Christi	Oklahoma City	Carolina
Fort Collins	Olympia	Wichita
Fort Worth	Palm Beach Co.	Williamson
Greater Ft Myers	Palo Alto	County (Tenn.)
Grosse Pointe	Peoria	
Hartford	Phoenix	



Top row: ΔΩ/Texas A&M, Excellence in Recruitment; ΔE/Arizona State, Highest Scholarship; AX/Purdue, Golden Kite, ΓΦ/Texas Tech, Founders Award; bottom row: Omaha Alumnae Chapter, Golden Kite, Houston Northwest Alumnae Chapter, Twin Stars; Nashville Alumnae Chapter, Golden Kite; Orange County Alumnae Chapter, Golden Kite.

Tonight was Fun Night, and everyone dressed to a cowgirl theme. I ate my fair share of mac and cheese and pulled pork before heading to the irresistible ice cream bar. No one can deny the fact that Theta keeps us well fed at Grand Convention!"



TWIN STARS

Alaska
Albuquerque
Boston Metro
Chattanooga
Chicago N. Shore
Dallas
Des Moines
Fargo
Flatirons
Fresno

Grand Rapids
Houston NW
Las Vegas
Los Angeles
Marin County
N. Virginia
Palos Verdes
Reno
Richmond (Va.)
San Antonio

Sarasota
Seattle
San Luis Obispo/
Central Coast
South Orange Co.
Spokane
St. Louis
St. Paul
Tulsa

GOLDEN KITE

Arlington Area
Atlanta
Birmingham
(Mich.)
Chicago NW
Suburban
Columbus (Ohio)
Denver
Greater Kansas

City
Miami
Naples/
Marco Island/
Bonita Springs
Nashville
North Alabama
Omaha
Orange County

Pasadena
Philadelphia
San Diego
St. Petersburg
Tampa
Topeka
Washington,
DC/Suburban
Maryland

FOUNDERS AWARD NOMINEES

Denver

Omaha

Columbus, Ohio

FOUNDERS AWARD

Denver

THETA FOUNDATION AWARDS

COLLEGE CHAPTERS

TOP IN UNRESTRICTED GIVING

HI/San Diego (\$40,977.36)
Runner-Up: O/USC (\$22,155.95)

TOP IN GIVING TO THE FRIENDSHIP FUND

BE/UCLA (\$12,000)
Runner-Up: ZM/MIT (\$907.13)

TOP IN GIVING TO CASA

AA/Washington (\$20,794.50)
Runner-Up: ZH/Wofford (\$10,895.26)

TOP IN GIVING TO A NAMED ENDOWED FUND

AM/Missouri and ZN/UC Davis (\$25,000)
Runner-Up: BI/Colorado and BE/UCLA (\$12,000)

TOP IN OVERALL GIVING

AM/Missouri (\$41,490)
Runner-Up: HI/San Diego (\$40,977.36)

ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

TOP IN UNRESTRICTED GIVING

Dallas (\$42,700)
Runner-Up: Oklahoma City (\$7,975)

TOP IN GIVING TO THE FRIENDSHIP FUND

Denver (\$3,014)
Runner-Up: Naples/Marco Island/Bonita Springs
(\$4,065.70)

TOP IN GIVING TO CASA

Fargo (\$1,958.63)
Runner-Up: Naples/Marco Island/Bonita Springs (\$1,000)

TOP IN GIVING TO A NAMED ENDOWED FUND

Nashville (\$38,168)
Runner-Up: Houston (\$25,000)

TOP IN OVERALL GIVING

Dallas (\$52,278.35)
Runner-Up: Nashville (\$42,231.25)

TOP IN OVERALL GIVING PER DUES PAYING MEMBER

Nashville (\$590.65 per 72 dues-paying members, for a total
of \$42,231.25)
Runner-Up: Westchester (\$479.11 per 18 dues-paying
members, for a total of \$8,624.02) ♦

BY THE NUMBERS: Grand Convention 2012

69

Number of previous Theta
Conventions

734

Convention attendees

178

Boxes of supplies shipped
from Theta headquarters to
Tucson

7,000+

Meals served

2,649

Most miles traveled by a
delegate

17,074

Number of Pansy Patch
pansies purchased

THE STORY OF THETA



KAPPA ALPHA THETA
2012 Grand Convention

WRITING THROUGH LIFE

AUTHOR LAURA DAVE'S HIGHLY ACCLAIMED NOVELS TAKE ORIGINAL AND REFRESHING LOOKS AT LOVE, FRIENDSHIP, AND FRESH STARTS.

BY JAN SCHMITZ MATHEW, Δ/ILLINOIS

Reviews for Laura Dave's debut novel, *London Is The Best City in America*, were the stuff of which first-time authors' dreams are made:

"In Dave's winning debut, it's hard not to root for the vivid characters ... happy, exasperating parents round out the cast, giving readers plenty of reasons to enjoy this promising new author." — *Publishers Weekly*

"A wonderfully plotted first novel ... Dave expertly captures the ennui and indecision many twenty- and thirty-somethings grapple with when faced with big, life-changing decisions." — *Booklist*

But the author who lived and breathed these characters and spun their stories, Dave, Beta Eta/Pennsylvania, knows the humble roots of these glowing reviews: *London is the Best City In America*, published in 2007, could have been a washout ... literally.

"I wrote most of the book during graduate school," says Dave, who earned her MFA from the University of Virginia. "When it was almost finished, I accidentally spilled water on my computer and thought I had lost everything."

"It sounds crazy, but in that moment, I became a writer. Because, no matter what had happened, there was no doubt in my mind that I'd keep writing."

Dave had a printout of the book's first chapter, which she took with her on a vacation to the Hamptons. "As I watched fireworks one night, I knew that this place was where *London is the Best City in America* was meant to start," she recalls. "Six months after the water incident, I was able to get most of the first draft off the computer's hard drive. But, by then, I was well into the re-write, and the book's prologue was the only part I kept."

Dave's tenacity paid off with a string of successes. *London is the Best City In America*, recently optioned by actress Reese Witherspoon and Universal Studios, is on its way to the big screen. Published in 2008, Dave's second novel, *The Divorce Party*, was optioned by Universal Studios for Echo Films, actress Jennifer Aniston's production company. And *USA Today* heralded *The First Husband*, published in May 2011, as "playful, unpredictable, and emotionally resonant."

"Those were two of the best phone calls I could imagine," says Dave of the offers from Hollywood. "But I've learned that if you don't take your successes too seriously, you won't take your failures too seriously, either."

"I got great advice in college—worry about writing first, and publishing later," she adds. "I've always stuck to that."

IMAGINATION AT WORK

A New York City native who grew up in Westchester County, Dave bonded with words at an early age. As a preschooler, she recalls sharing a nightly ritual with her father—together, the pair would read Dave's favorite books, which included *Curious George*, the *Frog and Toad* series, and the *Berenstain Bears*.

"Books have always been my favorite things in the world, and I still love holding a book," she says. "My

parents were strict about how money was spent, except when it came to a book I wanted to buy."

By third grade, the young reader was a budding writer. "One of the first stories I wrote was titled 'Runaway Cruise,' about a girl whose family was taking a vacation without her," Dave recalls. "She hid in the car trunk to go with them, but got kidnapped. I also wrote a series of stories about children with magical graces that could change the world."

Early reviews were kind—Dave's third-grade teacher was very enthusiastic and encouraged her to keep writing. Dave took the coaxing to heart and by age 13 felt she was poised for her big break.

"I wrote a lot of letters to writers, and many of them responded in very sweet and generous ways," she says. Among the most memorable was a query to Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and best-selling author Anna Quindlen. "I asked her for a job, and she replied that although she'd like to offer me a position, she couldn't hire anyone under age sixteen," Dave recalls, laughing. "But she told me to keep writing."

Dave's path led to the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in English. Prior to graduate school, she held numerous jobs, including writing and editing online copy for a New York City Internet company.

Bracketing every step was her passion for fiction writing. As a graduate student, Dave received several awards, including the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Intro Award in Short Fiction. And even as she crafted her first novel, Dave also worked steadily as a journalist, with articles and essays published in *The New York Times*, *Self*, *Redbook*, and *ESPN the Magazine*, among others.

Her byline drew attention, and networking at writers conferences enhanced Dave's visibility. That, combined with tenacity, commitment, and years of hard work, culminated with "overnight success" for *London is the Best City In America*. Dave sent the book to an agent on a Thursday, and by Monday, the call came: Her novel was headed for publication.

"I was at one of my many jobs—a public relations firm—when I got the news," Dave recalls. "My agent was surprised we had an offer so fast, and she was talking so quickly that I needed her to tell me again so I believed it. (My agent) was thrilled, and I simply felt like it was a dream coming true."

BRINGING NOVELS TO LIFE

Dave begins every book with questions, and through her characters' actions and decisions, explores the answers. Curiosity about the current "divorce party" fad—similar to a wedding shower, except partners receive gifts for their separate lives—led to Dave's second novel of the same name.

"I was interested in how people commit over the course of a lifetime, and I moved from there to thinking about particular characters," she explains. "I book-ended the experience of a young woman just walking in to her marriage with that of her future

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THE WASHINGTON POST RAVES

"Now on her third book, 30-something Laura Dave can comfortably call herself a master of the chick lit novel. You want meet-cute? Young women and wrong men? Burgeoning careers and best friends? Dave's your gal. In *The First Husband* (Viking, \$25.95), the protagonist is a somewhat lost travel writer, dumped without warning by her live-in LA boyfriend when he tastes his first sip of Hollywood fame. Enter a charismatic, curly-haired chef on his way back to the Berkshires to open his own restaurant. Suddenly, the globe-trotter who made her name writing a column called 'Checking Out' has to learn how to check in for love."

mother-in-law, whose marriage is ending."

Research grounds her characters and their settings. While drafting *Divorce Party*, Dave lived for a time in Montauk, a quiet oceanfront town at the easternmost tip of Long Island and "home" to fictional Gwyn Huntington, who is the novel's mother-in-law. She also researched the Great 1938 Hurricane that temporarily turned Montauk into an island, and interviewed several marriage counselors.

"I don't outline my books in any way," she says, "and even as I'm writing a second draft, things are always changing. My writing always goes best when my characters are surprising me."

"I try to create well-rounded characters—full of qualities we look for in our friends and also full of flaws that demand understanding. The characters may start with similarities to people I know, but they quickly become their own entities, surprising me and exciting me as I get to know them. I love it when I'm deep into a story and a character teaches me something."

Although her characters share lessons and may pull a few fast ones, Dave's work routine is comparatively predictable. She writes every weekday from 8 am to 1 pm, with second evening shifts as she delves deeper into a draft. "Mornings are critically important for me," Dave says. "I like to start writing while I'm sleepy and 'wake up' with the book."

She also draws energy and inspiration by writing off-site, preferring favorite cafes within walking distance of her southern California home to a "sterile" office environment. "I love writing (in the company of) people that aren't writers," she says, "and it's good for me to be out in the world while I'm working."

Book clubs are key connectors, and one of Dave's favorite "jobs" is interacting with fellow readers. "I love that book clubs have become a big part of our culture," she says. "I've spoken to more than 100 clubs over the past two years, and I'd like to do even more. They're akin to sororities—a close group of like-minded women."

Dave is also a fan of the electronic revolution, both

from reading and publishing perspectives. "E-books are invigorating the publishing industry," she says. "Because books are only a click away, people are reading in much more open ways—they're willing to take a chance on something they might not otherwise read."

"The evolution of books and publishing is a lot like the evolution of the music industry. There will always be people who want 'real' books, just like there will always be people who want to buy the entire CD, rather than just one song."

PAYING IT FORWARD

In 2008, *Cosmopolitan Magazine* named Dave one of the year's "fun and fearless phenoms" and described her as an inspiration to young women. When she reflects on such accolades, she's reminded of the many writers who prompted her along the path to success.

"I take it incredibly seriously when anyone reaches out to me about (his or her) dreams of writing," says Dave, who replies to every message or letter she receives. "When someone tells me that one of my books made them want to write, or to take a chance, I feel I've truly succeeded."

Dave also measures success by loyalty to friends, family, and her original group of readers—including a childhood friend who still has copies of everything she wrote from her grade school years. Her Theta ties remain strong as well.

"I have good friends from the sorority and remember being inspired by my sorority sisters during college," Dave says. "As a freshman, I felt in awe during the interviews of all the different things the seniors had accomplished at Penn—and what they were planning on after graduation. It was truly inspiring to see such strong women all realizing different dreams."

In addition to writing and reading, success also means taking time for the "next best" things in life—cooking, shopping at local farmers markets, hiking, and trips along the California coast. About every seven weeks, she travels to New York City to visit family and

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Laura Dave and Emily Giffin, also a novelist, at a book-signing event.

friends, and to meet with her publisher. Her hope is to have a book released every two years.

Dave currently is at work on her fourth novel, which she describes as a psychological thriller. "I'm ingrained to have the questions and not the answers," Dave says, "but writing this book involves a lot more plotting up front."

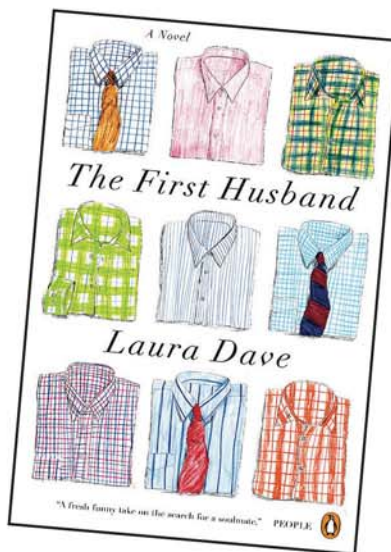
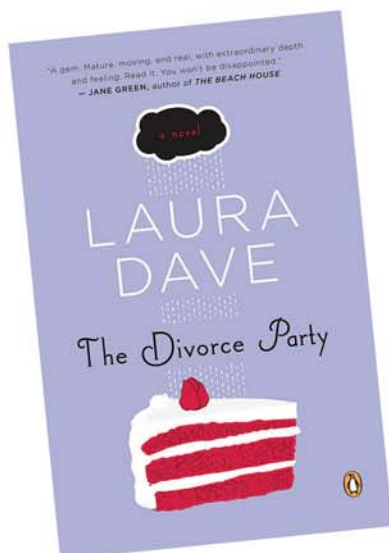
She may also look at her third novel, *The First Husband*, through new eyes. Rather than option any movie rights, Dave would like to develop the screenplay herself. And supporting the challenge wholeheartedly is her husband of four years, Josh Singer. A television writer and producer of series including *The West Wing*, *Law And Order*, and *Fringe*, Singer recently segued into movie writing for Dreamworks Studio.

"Josh and I are always each other's first readers," says Dave, who still reads at least two books a week. "You never know—

maybe someday we'll collaborate on a screenplay.

"I'm always thinking about my next book. Ten years from now, I hope I'm still writing and still challenging myself." ♦

About the author: Jan Schmitz Mathew, Delta/Illinois, has been a contributor to the Theta magazine since 1997. A professional freelance writer, Jan is also a contributing editor of *Decatur Magazine*. About this assignment, she wrote, "Laura's a lovely person. After interviewing her, I couldn't wait to get my hands on one of her books!"



*"I love *The Divorce Party* for so many reasons. It is funny, absorbing, and heartwarming—like having a glass of wine with your most insightful friend."*

—EMILY GIFFIN, *New York Times*



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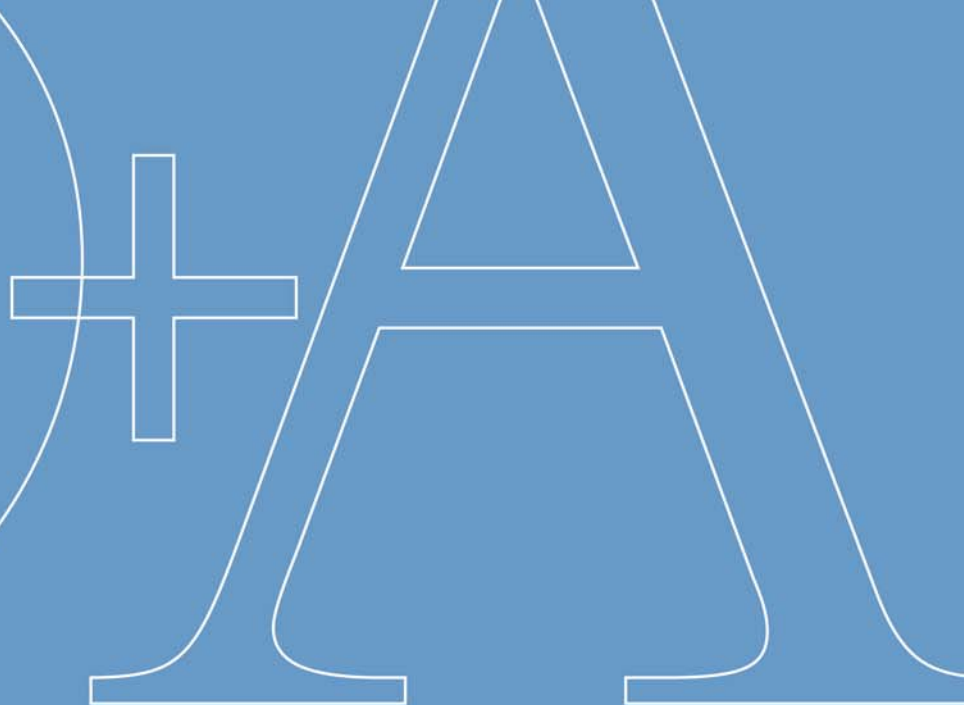
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A THETA OF NOTE



BETSY SIERK CORRIDAN, BETA OMICRON/IOWA, HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THETA'S STAFF FOR 29 YEARS. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE FRATERNITY'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND AS THE SECRETARY OF THE FRATERNITY HOUSING CORPORATION (FHC). OUTSIDE OF THETA, SHE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDIANA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE FRATERNITY EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION (FEA).

WHAT IS THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF WHICH YOU'RE PROUDEST?

Surviving ... no, beating, depression. Depression was the darkest, most empty place to live ... in a reality that no one else shared. Because of committed friends, family, and professionals, I was able to find my way back to the real world.

WHAT PROFESSION OTHER THAN YOUR OWN WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEMPT?

I stand in awe of teachers, especially those in elementary schools. If I had the patience, I would love to be a teacher—probably a PE teacher.

WHAT PROFESSION WOULD YOU NOT LIKE TO ATTEMPT?

I don't believe I would ever attempt piloting an airplane. I'm an anxious traveler. And, while I fly a lot, I just can't wrap my mind around the idea of shuttling through the air at terrific speeds!

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

My first official paycheck came from de-tasseling corn. That was *the* job to land in Iowa at the age of 14.

WHAT WAS YOUR CHILDHOOD AMBITION?

My art teacher offered great accolades for my childhood drawing ability. For a short while, I thought I might like to draw comics for a living.

WHAT ONE THING REALLY MAKES YOUR DAY?

I love to see problems solved. Who doesn't?! It's fascinating and gratifying to see problem-solving in action. Whether it's an issue before my young children, or before the leadership of Kappa Alpha Theta, it's really neat to see things come together. The added bonus, I suppose, is when I've had a hand in guiding toward the end result.

WHAT TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

I would love to be able to dance. Two very large left feet and little sense of rhythm have rendered that virtually impossible!

WHAT IS YOUR MOTTO?

Do the right thing, the right way, at the right time.

WHAT DO YOU VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?

Authenticity. Life is much too short to spend time with those who cannot be real.

WHAT IS YOUR FONDEST THETA MEMORY?

There are so many, but I'd have to say that it was participating in my niece's initiation. All four Sierk sisters were in attendance as the Theta badge was passed to the next generation. That was pretty cool! ♦



*"Do the right thing,
the right way, at
the right time"*

KAPPA ALPHA THETA'S TRUE PROMISE IS A VOW, A TWO-WAY PLEDGE BETWEEN THE FRATERNITY AND EACH OF HER MEMBERS. IT IS UP TO EACH THETA TO DISCOVER AND FULFILL THE PROMISE WITHIN HERSELF. SO, TOO, IT IS UP TO EACH THETA TO DETERMINE WHAT THE FRATERNITY WILL MEAN TO HER AND HOW HER MEMBERSHIP WILL CONTRIBUTE TO HER LIFE.

HOW WILL YOU LIVE OUT YOUR TRUE PROMISE?

NANCY LUSK ZIMPHER, $\Delta\Gamma$ /OHIO STATE,
IS A KAPPA ALPHA THETA WOMAN OF TRUE PROMISE.

Chancellor of the State University of New York (SUNY) Dr. Nancy Lusk Zimpher, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State, has always focused on being an advocate of high-quality, affordable, accessible education. In most articles about her, the phrase “first female to...” will precede many of her titles. But she is best known for being a trailblazer and a change-maker at every institution she has served.

An Ohio native, Zimpher went to Ohio State for her bachelor, master's, and doctoral degrees. She worked there as a professor and dean before leaving to become the first female chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), where she served from 1998-2003.

In 2003, she left UWM to become the 25th president—the first female president—of the University of Cincinnati. She wanted to focus on improving the university's academic reputation by working with faculty and staff to increase admissions standards and research funding. During her tenure, both did increase, as did enrollment, by 9.5 percent; retention and graduation rates by seven percent each; and corporate investment in the university by 130 percent.

As a university administrator, Dr. Zimpher had long realized the need for students to be better prepared before stepping onto a college campus. While in Cincinnati, she co-founded Strive, a community part-

nership which brings together leaders and organizations with an investment in education to improve the lives of children in their communities from “cradle to career.” The partnership has proven so successful that it has been replicated in other major cities across the US.

In 2009, after six years at Cincinnati, she was selected from a candidate pool of 300 applicants to be the 12th chancellor—and, again, the first female chancellor—of SUNY. With 64 campuses and nearly 465,000 students, it is the largest comprehensive system of public learning in the US. Zimpher has been successful in passing the system's first rational tuition policy, which allows students and families to plan financially by making tuition costs known up front over a five-year period. She has also launched the national Cradle to Career Network, based on Strive, which includes many cities in New York, as well as a rural network in New York's North Country region.

Nancy Zimpher is known for leaving situations better than she found them. She is known for setting high standards and expecting the best from her boards, faculty, staff, students, and communities. But, most importantly, she is known for expecting the absolute most out of herself. That's how Nancy Zimpher is living her True Promise. How will you live yours? ◇



*We make no
apologies for
setting high
standards ...*

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http://suny.edu/about_suny/

OF COURSE VOLUNTEERS HELP OTHERS! BUT THERE IS INCREASING EVIDENCE THAT WE ALSO HELP OURSELVES BY GIVING OF OURSELVES. IN FACT, A STUDY BY EXPERIENCE CORPS SHOWS THAT VOLUNTEERING CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MAINTAINING BRAIN FITNESS. HERE ARE SOME GREAT RATIONALES FOR BEING A THETA VOLUNTEER.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOU!

PLUS NINE OTHER REASONS TO VOLUNTEER FOR THETA

10. DO SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (www.nationalservice.gov/) has found a significant connection between volunteering and good health. Their research shows that volunteers have greater longevity, higher functional ability, lower rates of depression, and less incidence of heart disease.

9. KEEP IN TOUCH.

Once we've turned our tassels from left to right, our lives get busier, and Theta may drop off our to-do lists. Volunteering provides a simple yet effective way to keep in touch with friends and your community, as well as our sisterhood.

8. MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND KEEP THE OLD.

If it's been a while since you've been involved in Theta, you may find a long-lost sister! And if you're new in town, there's no better way to meet people! Theta volunteers span diverse ages, backgrounds, college chapters, professions, and interests, yet we all share a bond in Theta.

7. DEVELOP PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY.

Volunteering is not purely an altruistic act. Personal development often flourishes in the midst of volunteering experiences. In addition, you gain the opportunity to serve as a mentor to collegians and other volunteers. You may even find a mentor for yourself.



HELP WANTED

There are many types of
volunteer opportunities
available within the Fraternity

Advise a local college chapter.

Chapter advisors enjoy mentoring, leadership, communication, high-energy involvement with our youngest members.

6. SHARE YOUR SKILLS.

We are always looking for talented women! Opportunities are available for all levels of time commitment, varying from just a few hours a year to 15 hours a week, and are located throughout the United States and Canada.

Are you musically talented? We have a job for you. Are you detail-oriented? We have a job for you. Are you an expressive idea person? We have a job for you! Whoever you are and whatever your skills, situation, age, location, or availability may be, we have an opportunity for you that will be invigorating, educational, and fun.

5. POLISH YOUR RÉSUMÉ.

Volunteering can help sharpen your career knowledge, provide experience, build your professional network, and hone your written and verbal communication skills. According to ResumePower.com, volunteer work shows an employer that you are willing to try new experiences, take initiative, and make things happen.

4. BE INDISPENSABLE.

Volunteer support is critical to the long-term success of Kappa Alpha Theta. Whether you advise a college chapter, volunteer with an alumnae chapter, participate as a member of a college chapter's facility corporation board, or consult as a district or national Fraternity officer, you'll help our twin stars shine.

3. HAVE A GOOD TIME!

Many alumnae want to give back to Theta some of what they received from their own college experiences. But they also want to enjoy fun, sisterhood, and plenty of smiles! Just because your college years are over doesn't mean that rich and rewarding Theta experiences have to end.

2. LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF.

When a group of successful women come together, we can only learn more about ourselves. Developing new friendships and gaining new experiences will make us the best we can be in all aspects of our lives.

1. SHOW THETA PRIDE.

Our Fraternity has excelled for almost 150 years because of the dedication and loyalty of our members. Volunteers have the opportunity to gain satisfaction from knowing that they are helping to keep the Fraternity strong and reputable. Continue the Theta story as an active alumna.

HOW CAN I VOLUNTEER?

To make yourself available for available volunteer opportunities, complete the online volunteer interest indicator (online) form to let us know about your interests!

If you have interest but don't see an opportunity that suits you, please contact Stacie Durnford, Volunteer Recruitment Committee chairman (VolRecChair@kappaalphatheta.org) who will add you to the candidate pool and contact you when that "right" opportunity comes available.

Volunteers make a difference ... 52 weeks a year! And it is thanks to her volunteers that Theta continues to thrive more than 142 years after her founding.

— Amy Kates
ΑΦ/Tulane
Fraternity president

Want more?

http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae/reconnectwiththeta/volunteer_opportunities.cfm

Volunteer with a local alumnae chapter. Alumnae chapters offer first-hand involvement, coordination and management experience opportunity, quality interaction with peers, networking, résumé-building.

Participate as a member of a college chapter's facility corporation board. These volunteers acquire financial and facility experience, interact with college chapter women, and opportunities for networking.

Consult as a district or international Fraternity officer. These positions offer higher-level involvement in determining the Fraternity's strategic direction, excellent for people comfortable working as part of virtual teams.

"THERE IS NO BETTER JOB"

THETA'S ELCs LOVE THEIR JOBS (AND GAIN VALUABLE CAREER SKILLS)

BY JENNI BROUGHTON, Γ/BUTLER

Why might a newly graduated Theta be interested in serving the Fraternity as an educational leadership consultant (ELC)? Perhaps she feels that Theta shaped her college career, and she's hoping to give back. Perhaps she's excited to travel, to meet people from across the continent and have new experiences. Perhaps she was inspired by an ELC whom she met as an undergraduate.

OR PERHAPS SHE KNOWS THAT THE SKILLS AND PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE THAT SHE'LL GAIN AS AN ELC WILL BE INVALUABLE IN THE JOB MARKET WHEN SHE LEAVES FRATERNITY EMPLOYMENT.

The Thetas chosen to travel to college chapters and be based at newly established chapters are already remarkably accomplished: they are academic achievers who have held multiple offices in their chapters and been highly involved on their campuses. During their tenure as ELCs, they will increase their time management abilities, improve their communication skills, and further develop their poise, confidence, and professionalism.

THESE QUALITIES AND SKILLS ARE AMONG THE TOP FIVE THAT EMPLOYERS SEEK, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND EMPLOYERS.

Former Theta ELCs have jobs with prestigious employers across the continent, including:

American Airlines,	IBM,
Coldwell Banker,	JP Morgan Chase,
Delta Airlines,	Johnson & Johnson,
Ernst & Young,	Oracle Corporation,
Eli Lilly & Co.,	Pepsi Co.
Hormel Foods,	US Congress

They also hold positions at prominent colleges and universities, including:

Arizona,	Dartmouth,
California Polytechnic	Princeton,
State,	Villanova,
Connecticut,	Xavier.
Delaware,	

Of the young women who have served as ELCs since 2004, 100 percent have attended graduate, law, or medical school or found a job within three months.

TOP FIVE PERSONAL QUALITIES/SKILLS EMPLOYERS SEEK

1. Ability to work in a team
2. Verbal communication skills
3. Ability to make decisions and problem solve.
4. Ability to obtain and process information
5. Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize work

From the National Association of Colleges and Employers's Job Outlook Survey 2012

MEET THE 2012-13 ELCs

CASEY BARRY, ΓΥ/MIAMI

I would love to work for either the United States Department of Homeland Security or the FBI.

Serving as Gamma Upsilon's CEO taught me how to view the "bigger picture" of an organization, set goals, stay persistent, and follow up on results.

Working for Theta has allowed me to put into practice Theta's ideal

of exercising the widest influence for good. After traveling the country, moving to two new cities (Burlington, Vt., and San Francisco), and experiencing immense personal and professional growth, I feel ready to take on the federal government!

APRIL BROWN, HΘ/CENTRAL FLORIDA

I'd like to receive my master's in business administration

THE 2012-13 ELCs

Elizabeth Mundy, Corey Burnett, April Brown, Madison Motley, Lindsey Witt, Joni Jameson, Christa Samaha, Casey Barry, Sarah Glasser, Justine Rosenberg and Alyssa Trumbull



while working for an organization in their marketing or public relations department to establish/continue to establish the organization's brand.

While in college, I had the opportunity to have multiple internships due to officer positions and being referred by other chapter members. Building my work and leadership experience while in school has given me the opportunity to have industry-specific experience.

As I work with many college chapters, I hope to refine my communication, networking, and multitasking skills.

COREY BURNETT, O/USC

I plan to attend law school, and my dream job would be as in-house counsel for a major sports entity like ESPN or the National Football League.

My undergraduate experience in Theta has helped to prepare me for a future career in law by providing me with the opportunity to be involved in the many facets of chapter operations that are reflective of everyday corporation environments.

My time as an ELC for Theta has prepared me for a future career in any field or industry by encouraging the development of my personal and professional skills. Being an ELC has strengthened my abilities in teamwork, conflict resolution, and interpersonal communication.

SARAH GLASSER, BI/COLORADO

My dream job is to work for a travel guidebook like Lonely Planet or Frommer's or as an international adventure travel guide.

During my time as an undergraduate in Theta, I had the wonderful opportunity to work with a variety of people with different personalities, leadership styles, and experiences. This has helped me to learn how to be more understanding, flexible, and accepting. I'm hopeful that this has prepared me for the "real world," wherever that may take me.

As an ELC, I have already learned from the women that I have met that it's the genuine smile, the meaningful hug, and the kind note that can make

all the difference in someone's day. I think that this lesson, although seemingly small, can impact people in a big way.

JONI JAMESON, ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH

My dream job is to teach kindergarten! I have enjoyed my time working with college women, but I am very excited to help mold the young minds of our future. I want to teach younger children, because I want to teach social skills along with academics.

While I was in college at Texas Tech, my membership in Theta prepared me in so many ways for my future career. Some of the things I learned serving as chief education officer and CEO were how to work as a team serving on committees, how to be professional, how to manage my time, budgeting, resolving conflicts, and how to work with parents.

It is hard to put into words how much I have learned from serving as an ELC and how much I have grown professionally. I have learned to be flexible, which is a characteristic that is key when teaching. I have learned how to evaluate large groups and provide them with resources, which will help me assist my students. I have learned how to work with advisors, which will help me work better with parents and I have presented leadership and values integration workshops to numerous undergraduates.

MADISON MOTLEY, AO/OKLAHOMA

My dream is to find a job coordinating events within the political realm. I love the continuously fast-paced environment of being at the state or nation's capital on a daily basis. It would be an incredible job to be able to work in a government official's office and coordinate all of the events. Later in life, I would like to run for political office myself. I would love to become a senator for the state of Oklahoma.

My time with Theta truly provided me an experience that helped me grow socially, intellectually, and morally. My undergraduate experience taught me the importance of having a humble heart. It taught me that hard work, honest conversations, and dedication will take you far in life.

My time



Stacey Jarrett
AM/Missouri, 2010-2012 ELC

As an ELC I gained independence and confidence in myself and my work and learned the very delicate art of interacting with all types of people. I now feel confident in handling difficult situations.

— Stacey Jarrett
Account Associate,
Willow Marketing

Stacey presented herself with such unbelievable poise and professionalism for someone of her age. She is bright, inquisitive, and conscientious. Not only is Stacey insightful, but she has a keen sense of intuition typically found in more mature professionals.

— Brad Gillum,
CEO/President,
Willow Marketing



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 - 4 Submit to the editor.
- Copy deadline dates & address are on page 2.

"THERE IS NO BETTER JOB"

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as an ELC has prepared me for my future career by developing my professional skills as well as professional philosophy. I have fine-tuned my conflict resolution, public speaking, and interpersonal skills. My professional philosophy is to always pay your dues. I believe that my time as an ELC and the personal and professional development it has given me is invaluable and cannot be replicated by any other organization or entry level job.

ELIZABETH MUNDY, ΑΓ/OHIO STATE

My dream is to move to Latin America or Southeast Asia and start a non-profit organization to educate and empower under-served youth, especially young women.

My undergraduate Theta experience taught me the true meaning of an earnest, faithful, and enthusiastic worker. I now know that serving in this role at all times will allow me to excel in the most difficult of professional settings.

I hope to gain an innate sense of adaptability in unexpected situations and the ability to be the voice of reason when things go wrong.

JUSTINE ROSENBERG, ΕΣ/UC IRVINE

My dream job is to be a motivational speaker and travel the world, challenging the way people think about life.

I often joke that "everything I have learned, I learned from Theta." But in reality, there is a lot of truth to that. I did not realize it at the time, but my undergraduate experience became the foundation for my life thereafter.... So many of the wonderful things in my life today, I owe to Kappa Alpha Theta.

My time as an ELC has shown me that I can truly do anything. I can travel the country for months at a time, surround myself with people I have never met, and face a brand-new challenge every day, but still know that when I leave, I will have made a difference. That is the best lesson I will take from this job.

CHRISTA SAMAHA, HP/JAMES MADISON

My dream is to be a fraternity/sorority advisor at an amazing university!

My undergraduate Theta experience helped me with public speaking skills, conflict resolution, staying composed under all circumstances, working with

undergraduates who had different views and beliefs from me, planning and executing events, goal setting with a large group, motivating and empowering those around me, and working with a team.

My time as an ELC has been my inspiration for my future career plans. Having the opportunity to attend the InterFraternity Institute during the summer before my second year as an ELC was life-changing and put the spark in me to want to become a fraternity/sorority advisor. This job has vastly expanded my network which would help me in any field or location.

ALYSSA TRUMBULL, P/NEBRASKA

My dream is to become a physical therapist either specializing in pediatrics at a children's hospital or in sports therapy for a college or professional team.

My undergraduate experience taught me to be an independent, goal-oriented, positive leader among my peers. It helped me to put others before myself and to see the bigger picture of the impact I can have by living out my values.

By serving as an ELC, I hope to broaden my horizons and develop an even greater appreciation for our amazing organization. I hope to share my passion for Theta and leave a positive impact on each of the chapters I work with. I want to make a difference by earning the respect of those I come into contact with and leave my position confident in the beliefs and values I stand for on a daily basis.

LINDSEY WITT, ΒΔ/ARIZONA

My dream is to teach third or fourth grade.

As an officer in my chapter (chief financial officer and chief Panhellenic officer) I learned so much and was able to teach the rest of my chapter about finances and Panhellenic. Theta gave me the opportunity to gain leadership, cooperation and teamwork, and delegation skills.

As an ELC, I have learned to trust myself and be confident in my abilities. This will help me when I become a teacher and am responsible for the learning that will go on in my classroom. In addition, I have been able to practice my public speaking skills, listening skills, and have learned how to enable others.

About the author: Jenni Broughton, Γ/Butler, is a former ELC. In that role, she visited 21 college chapters. As Theta's assistant director of chapter services, she has helped establish or re-establish nearly a dozen chapters. ◇

APPLY TO BE AN ELC

Picture yourself traveling the continent as an international representative of the Fraternity, building friendships and contacts with Thetas of all ages, gaining real-world experience, establishing a new Theta chapter, making a difference!

More information about Theta's ELC program is available at www.kappaalphatheta.org/collegians/programs/ELC_Program. Questions about the ELC program may be directed to Jennifer Broughton, assistant director of chapter services, jbroughton@kappaalphatheta.org.

A notice of the death of a Theta sister may be sent to Gretchen Brown, membership coordinator. (Her contact information may be found on page 2.) A published death notice, whether print or electronic, is appreciated.

A/DEPAUW

Mary Hester Bayer; 1947, April 2012
Nancy Elleman Coith Fibbe; 1943, July 2012
Margery Miller Mills; 1937, January 2012
Marian Albaugh Short; 1934, June 2012
Nancy Dodge Smith; 1950, December 2011
Wilma Rothenburger Winkler; 1940, Apr. 2012

B/INDIANA

Barbara Drollinger Walsh; 1948, June 2012
Marjorie Wills Watson; 1932, Dec. 2011
Betty Barth Williamson; 1937, April 2012

Γ/BUTLER

Althea O'Hara Anderson; 1941, July 2012
Joy Mudd Anderson; 1945, May 2012
Kathryn Weaver Corbin; 1941, April 2012
Mariann Carlson Fruechtenicht; 1942, Mar. 2012
Paula Baumgartner Gable; 1951, July 2012
Ann Fuller Hanley; 1950, June 2012
Lynda Sharpnack Havens; 1972, July 2012
Elizabeth Jones Johnson; 1935, April 2012
Ellen Hamilton Lojinger; 1935, July 2012
Sandra Boyd Scheetz; 1963, May 2012

Δ/ILLINOIS

Ann Curry Buck; 1947, December 2011
Margaret Herrick Even; 1939, January 2012

H/MICHIGAN

Marina Cielens Neumann; 1959, April 2012
Virginia Cordes Snyder; 1968, January 2012
Margot Thom; 1939, March 2012

I/CORNELL

Virginia Jones Rewick; 1936, April 2012

K/KANSAS

Virginia Phipps Altman; 1942, June 2012
Martha Green Black; 1940, March 2012
Elizabeth Herre Duffie; 1953, March 2012
Marjorie Fadler; 1944, October 2011
Tina Louise Bowman Matthew; 1950, Feb. 2012

Λ/VERMONT

Marion Yerks Bedford; 1935, June 2012

ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN

Marjorie Wolfe Warfel; 1934, January 2012

N/HANOVER

Sharon Fitch Peters; 1962, December 2011

O/USC

Carol Gillard Bombeck; 1955, February 2011
Frances Terry Clock; 1930, December 2011
Dorothy Dolde Martin; 1936, October 2011

P/NEBRASKA

Barbara Schlater Gist; 1943, January 2012
Janice Carter Oldfather; 1949, June 2012
Katharine Shearer Patterson; 1934, July 2012
Jacquelyn Hoss Rosenlof; 1949, June 2012
Lynn Robinson Rundstrom; 1966, Jan. 2012

T/NORTHWESTERN

Janet Sorenson Buck; 1943, February 2011
Janice Gamble Lowery; 1945, July 2012

Y/MINNESOTA

Nancy McGuire Larson; 1945, June 2012

Φ/STANFORD

Barbara Thornburgh Best; 1943, May 2012

X/SYRACUSE

Elizabeth Mack Hueber; 1941, May 2012
Georgine Feldman Rodgers; 1928, Jan. 2012

Ψ/WISCONSIN

Genevieve Gillett Bennetts; 1938, Feb. 2012

Betty Terry Everson; 1944, May 2012
Elizabeth Andrews Rasmussen; 1979, Mar. 2012
Marian Lindsay Stubbs; 1942, Feb. 2010

AT/OHIO STATE

Penelope Bazler Abbot; 1962, April 2012
Sarah J. Dunn; 1976, May 2012
Mary Louise Tiedeman Morton; 1927, Feb. 2012

AH/VANDERBILT

Evalina Harwell Andrews; 1946, Feb. 2012
Georgeanna White Lipe; 1929, March 2012
Adele Youngberg Smith; 1931, April 2012

AO/TEXAS

Margaret Banner Allen; 1943, March 2012
Arabella Wofford Craddock; 1936, Sep. 2011
Patsy Patteson Rose; 1949, June 2012
Lois Crow Sheffield; 1936, June 2012
Kay Nell Shelton Wilson; 1963, July 2012

AI/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

Dalzell Schuyler Allen; 1938, May 2012
Janet Long Salisbury; 1951, July 2012

AA/WASHINGTON

Jo-Anne Hopf Meyers; 1946, Nov. 2011
Jean Munro Would; 1946, July 2012

AM/MISSOURI

Jean Ralston Barns; 1942, April 2012
Laura Louise Dille Elbring; 1937, March 2012

AN/MONTANA

Mary Powell Alkire; 1949, November 2011
Joan Stokan Barclay; 1952, June 2012

AE/OREGON

Betty Bean Lewis; 1935, August 2010
Lisa Cabiale O'Connor; 1956, April 2012
Virginia Pumfrey Sorenson; 1959, April 2012
Marilyn Rayfield Talbott; 1951, March 2011

AO/OKLAHOMA

Betty Tippet Acton; 1942, October 2011
Suzanne Loveall Baumert; 1946, May 2012
Glenna Gault Carlson; 1959, Sep. 2011
Susan Catlett Loveless; 1963, March 2012
Virginia Springer Overlees; 1934, Jan. 2011
Louise Green Perry; 1930, January 2011
Peggy Parrott Smith; 1951, February 2011

AS/WASHINGTON STATE

Carmen Ray Bettineski; 1954, May 2012
Dorothy Reed Hadley; 1945, July 2012

AT/CINCINNATI

Betty Hussey Chapman; 1940, March 2012
Virginia Godley Walker; 1944, March 2012

AY/WASHBURN

Mary Lonam Belknap; 1943, April 2011
Marilyn Eckert Christner; 1944, May 2011
Gail Salyers Fry; 1946, July 2011
Virginia Griffiee Hawkinson; 1941, Feb. 2012
Phyllis Malkmus Johnson; 1952, Oct. 2011
Marian Hughes Shuff; 1937, October 2011
Martha Euwer Stydahr; 1941, January 2012

AX/PURDUE

Dorothy Gossett Andersen; 1944, Feb. 2012
Mary Nourse Armstrong; 1939, April 2012
Nancy Hager Rand; 1948, March 2012
Nancy Semler Sawrey; 1957, April 2012
Carol Argenta Vincent; 1952, August 2010

AΨ/LAWRENCE

Jean Scheibel Campbell; 1943, June 2012
Joan Queenan McClellan; 1947, June 2012

AO/PITTSBURGH

Marjorie Munroe Dresher; 1941, Dec. 2011

BB/RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Dorthell Dyer McElroy; 1947, April 2012

BT/COLORADO STATE

Karen Anderson Tromly; 1960, June 2012

BA/ARIZONA

Susan Burns Cole; 1970, October 2011
Shannon Jamison Vale Holden; 1943, Apr. 2012
Allyson Prock Krafchak; 1982, May 2012
Edith McMahon Lowery; 1934, April 2012
Kay Short McDowell; 1961, December 2011
Ruth Lombard Paul; 1933, July 2011
Adele Kelly Trewitt; 1941, June 2011

BE/OREGON STATE

Patricia Edwards Flemming; 1946, Mar. 2012
Elinore Williamson Keuper; 1947, Jan. 2012
Shirley Gibson Mills; 1946, March 2011
Caroline Snook Oldham; 1953, March 2012

BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE

Margaret Cross; 1950, September 2011

BH/PENNSYLVANIA

Dorothea Heiss Davis; 1941, March 2012

BΘ/IDAHO

Dorothy Bowell Anderson; 1943, April 2012
Dorothy Diehl Brock; 1952, November 2011
Paula McKeever Daugherty; 1944, Nov. 2011
Gladys Bryant Doll; 1939, March 2012
Gay Bonman Rutledge; 1941, March 2012

BI/COLORADO

Juliee Fuselier Bliss; 1961, June 2012
Josephine Pace Horner; 1940, March 2012

BK/DRAKE

Mildred Gallmeier Tinker; 1933, May 2012

BA/WILLIAM & MARY

Jane Wright Fields; 1961, August 2011

BM/NEVADA

Diana Collins Adams; 1953, August 2011
Mary Ellen Schwartz; 1944, January 2011

BN/FLORIDA STATE

Martha Grant Legge; 1955, May 2012
Bettye Hyatt Williams; 1939, January 2012

BE/UCLA

Phoebe Harmon Beesmyer; 1941, Apr. 2012
Barbara Lyon Townsend; 1944, April 2012

BO/IOWA

Jacqueline F. Berguin; 1948, May 2012
Marjorie Mason Blackwelder; 1937, Apr. 2012
Marjorie Berg Brooker; 1942, October 2011
Jean Wood Werner; 1952, May 2012
Mary Lou Waters Whalen; 1946, June 2012

BT/MICHIGAN STATE

Constance Hadley Bachman; 1946, May 2012
Ann Borland Bast; 1935, April 2012
Joan Borgerson Brownell; 1950, Dec. 2010
Elaine Schemanske Harris; 1951, Feb. 2012
Muriel Spittle Leiphart; 1938, April 2012
Nina Gannon Miller; 1943, April 2012
Joan Darby Siebenthaler; 1948, April 2012
Alice Penny Vyverberg; 1940, April 2012

BP/DUKE

Mary Biddle Semans; 1936, January 2012

BT/DENISON

Shirley Johnson Allen; 1953, December 2011
Bonnie Douda Cordes; 1953, July 2012
Kelli Wicke Davis; 1962, January 2012
Jeanne Kirsten Green; 1951, March 2012

BΦ/PENN STATE

Jeanne B. Irwin; 1942, March 2012
Genevra Peck Kyle; 1959, March 2011

BΨ/MCGILL

Mavis Barwick Bain; 1938, April 2012

BΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE

Winifred Kennedy Andrews; 1938, Sep. 2011
Susan Riley Hillis; 1958, January 2012

ΓH/MASSACHUSETTS

Lynne Woods Miller; 1953, September 2011

ΓM/MARYLAND

Paige Eaton Hilfer; 1987, March 2012
Emily Conrad Pesti; 1969, June 2012

ΓN/NORTH DAKOTA STATE

Beverly Ewald Witt; 1952, March 2012

ΓE/SAN JOSE STATE

Joellen Tomlinson Alward; 1966, Sep. 2011

ΓO/NEW MEXICO

Lila Milligan Boyden; 1969, June 2012
Linda Davis Currier; 1970, July 2012

ΓP/UC SANTA BARBARA

Nannette Lindemann Clark; 1960, July 2011

ΓT/TULSA

Rose Lowerison Looper; 1953, July 2011
Elizabeth Ross Ward; 1959, January 2012

ΓΨ/TCU

Barbara Jane Harvey; 1959, March 2011
Elizabeth Jones Jacobus; 1957, Dec. 2011
Linda Van Driest Matthews; 1972, Mar. 2012

ΔZ/EMORY

Priscilla Jones Harris; 1967, March 2012

ΔH/KANSAS STATE

Joye Ansdell; 1961, February 2012

ΔΘ/FLORIDA

Kathryn L. Carson; 1997, June 2012

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Katherine Baird Darmer; 1984, Feb. 2012 ◇

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14K Small	\$330	Large	\$440
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